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Dear Ms. Steel:

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With regards to RSB, Caltrans conducted a thorough review of the bid documents as well as the protest and response from RSB and agrees that Gates was improperly listed on the DBE Commitment form since this project does not have any grading or roadway excavation or removal or disposal of excavated material.

As the protest relates to Dreambuilder, The Office of Business and Economic Opportunity, Contract Evaluation Branch conducted an evaluation of Dreambuilder's DBE Commitment form and determined that Dreambuilder met the goal. However, the protest will be forwarded to Construction, for further review and action as this is a Contract Administration issue.

The Resident Engineer will receive a copy of this letter for Contract Administration Compliance.

Based on the above, Caltrans finds that Highland's protest will have no bearing on the award of this contract.

If you have any questions, please contact Mulissa Smith, Contract Awards Branch Manager, at (916) 227-6228.

Sincerely,

JILL Y. SEWELL

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